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Trade sentiment was steady in the West, generally firm in other areas as majority prices trended unchanged in the West, but higher in the Midwest and Eastern regions when compared to a week earlier. Retail and food service interest was reported as moderate to good, best where feature activity was either planned or in progress. Supplies were balanced to well cleared, and reported as tight from production areas. In the parts structure, wings were short of an active calls and continued to move at premium levels. Breast items and dark meat were mixed but overall improved with bone-in breasts and leg quarters in a closer balance position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 1/12/04-01/16/04 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A (Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	60.00-63.00	59.00-73.00	62.90	26
Los Angeles	74.00			
New York	67.00-69.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	68.50-69.50	56.00-70.00	68.54	85
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 69.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
815	64.14-73.00	68.91

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	203.50	1,346
BREASTS - B/S	171.00	5,462
BREASTS - WHOLE	89.50	1,448
THIGH MEAT - B/S	93.00	998
LEG QUARTERS	31.50	7,646
WINGS	108.00	2,939

This information is supplied by the GA Dept. of Agriculture's poultry market news service.

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area increased 4 cents from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady to firm, mostly firm. Offerings were limited for the moderate buyer call. Retail movement remained decent, mostly fair or moderate. Food service demand was mixed, slow to fairly good, best into casual dining and fast food. Floor stocks were in close balance to instances fully adequate. Weights were in a desirable range. Parts trade was irregular, best call on wings. Offerings were light to moderate with wings short of full trade needs. The market tone was mostly firm on wings and steady to firm on remaining cuts.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was firm to fully steady. Demand was moderate to good in retail, fast food and inter company trading. Supplies were in good balance to short of inquiry. In the parts structure, all parts were clearing with wings reported as still close to short, breast items were better balance with increased interest noted, and dark meat items also showed improvement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate to fairly good entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes remained in tight balance with premiums noted. Movement through retail and distributive channels was at least moderate. The market tone was firm. In the parts complex, breast items were better balanced with bone-in breasts noted in the closer position. Wings were short. The balance of cuts were clearing well.

WESTERN The market tone was steady with early trading for next week at mostly unchanged prices. Offerings in good balance. Retailer demand moderate, best to cover features. Floor stocks adequate. Ads this week:

Southern California- wholebody 59-87, cut up 99-149, boneless breast 197-399, IQF 3# 599, boneless thigh IQF 4# 499, boneless leg 98-119, breast 97-98, whole leg 79-97, leg quarters 29-37, marinated 57, thighs 67-99, drums 59-99, cornish hens 128-159, all chicken items 50% off; deli cooked- rotisserie 398-478ea, fried 8pc mixed 399, 15pc leg and thigh 499.

Northern California- wholebody 59-99, free range 179, cut up 139, boneless breast 199-399, IQF 4# 999, boneless thigh 199.

Arizona- wholebody 67, boneless breast 379-399, IQF 4# 999, boneless thigh 199, breast 99-249, leg quarters 79, thighs 99, drums 99, roaster 97-109, ground chicken 197-299, kabobs 399.

Colorado- wholebody 79, boneless breast 229-299, breast 99, leg quarters 79, thighs 99, drums 99.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fairly good to good. Seller offerings were well cleared to instances tight. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were heavy when combined with some operations planned for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 67 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was firm. In the parts complex, most items were generally in good balance and well cleared.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	64-80
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	69.71
NO. OF BOXES	6,713
CUMULATIVE	01/05/04-01/09/04 68.30
	01/06/03-01/10/03 62.98
NO. OF BOXES	01/05/04-01/09/04 43,740
	01/06/03-01/10/03 45,926

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JAN 09

	POUNDS				WTD	POUNDS				WEEKLY		
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	877	135.00-223.00	137-141	138.99		875	139.00-223.00	142-145	144.00	4,408	140.20	
TENDERLOINS	223	140.00-216.00	140-147	150.15		193	140.00-216.00	145-147	150.95	1,061	150.36	
BREAST - LINE RUN	72	82.00-93.00	82-84	83.43		75	82.00-93.00	82-84	84.00	377	84.02	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT					295	81.36
LEGS	114	35.00-50.00	36-38	38.29		103	37.00-50.00	38-39	39.56	524	38.30	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	600	25.00-30.00	26-27	26.17		550	26.00-30.00	26-28	26.95	2,642	26.00	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,112	29.00-32.00	30-32	30.56		1,335	29.00-34.00	30-32	30.80	5,649	30.36	
WINGS (WHOLE)	297	105.00-110.00	108-110	107.61		120	108.00-113.00	110-112	110.54	1,339	106.70	
WINGS (CUT)	603	114.00-130.00	124-127	123.84		632	121.00-131.00	123-128	124.79	2,543	121.16	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT					73	54.68
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT					115	52.32
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT					415	94.24

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS												
TRADING FOR JANUARY 09, 2004 F.O.B. DOCK.												

RANGE**TODAY'S AVERAGE****RANGE****TODAY'S AVERAGE****5-DAY AVERAGE**

50.50 - 59.00

54.91

51.50 - 57.50

54.44

53.69

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity was moderate to good entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items had moved into a much closer balance with bone-in breasts in the tighter position. Dark meat cuts were clearing well. Wings were short and commanding premiums. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate to fairly good. The market tone was firm on wings, fully steady to firm on breast items and fully steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

JAN 09

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	WEEKLY
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		
BREAST - B/S	145	146.17	725,090		145-150	149.02	719,438	146.82	3,502,390
TENDERLOINS	145	145.05	137,350		145	148.62	93,440	144.89	708,370
BREAST - WITH RIBS	75-76	83.40	172,640		76-77	82.39	161,320	81.30	788,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	76.97	120,560		76	77.69	85,720	76.64	572,960
LEGS	39-40	38.41	181,360		39-40	38.54	223,161	37.71	1,587,163
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	30.51	414,240		29-30	29.74	408,971	29.78	2,391,410
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	39.21	163,080		36-37	41.45	126,830	38.98	893,880
THIGHS	36-37	41.58	107,640		36-37	40.25	90,040	40.70	498,680
B/S THIGHS	85-86	92.21	80,440		85-86	88.66	55,080	90.09	353,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	103-104	112.26	101,920		105-106	114.23	112,220	105.51	766,640
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.97	32,640		10-12	12.18	26,840	12.05	164,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.66	15,485		35-40	31.54	20,760	33.44	86,965
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	68.07	27,000		60-65	69.99	30,280	69.16	144,000

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS
	01/09	01/08	01/07	01/06	01/07	01/06	01/07	01/06	12/31
ALA	4,394	3,971	3,869	3,883	5.26	5.32	4,708	5.20	
ARK	5,345	5,399	5,159	5,252	5.10	5.19	6,850	5.19	
DELMARVA	2,628	2,229	2,271	2,281	5.39	5.50	3,442	5.29	
KY-LA-TN	2,018	1,970	1,999	1,978	4.87	4.88	2,156	4.73	
MISS	2,943	3,070	3,071	3,055	5.38	5.50	3,988	5.21	
NC	3,249	2,498	2,402	2,429	6.38	5.98	3,265	6.20	
TEXAS	2,450	2,360	2,453	2,412	5.08	5.00	2,341	4.90	
TOTAL	23,027	21,497	21,224	21,290	5.32	5.33	26,750	5.23	
MON-FRI	109,424						91,512(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 09-Jan 04 and 10-Jan-04 is estimated to be 34,451,000 down 14.18 percent from a week ago and up 12.4 percent from a year ago. (Last week 40,141,000; last year 30,661,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 10-Jan-04 is estimated to be 158,145,000 head up 17 percent from a week ago, and up 4 from a year ago. (Last week 134,816,000 Last year 152,54 ,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	81-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	60-63
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	101-103
DRY PACK	99-100
ICE PACK	
ROASTERS 4# & UP	105
DRY PACK	89-105
ICE PACK	
HENS OVER 5#	91
ICE PACK	89
DRY PACK	
DUCKS	152-175

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 27-Dec-03 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----

Head	20,542	19,674	27,559
Avg Weight	3.77	4.70	6.27
% of total /1	30%	29%	41%

COMPARISONS

Last week	14,351	12,189	25,303
Avg Weight	3.64	4.60	6.19
% of total /1	28%	24%	49%

Same week, yr ago /2	20,200	13,130	30,903
Avg Weight	3.71	4.74	6.17
% of total /1	31%	20%	48%

To date/2003	1,201,008	1,241,497	2,269,781
To date/2002	1,309,674	1,150,411	2,115,186

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 03-Jan-04 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
HEAD	134,816	1,118	898	2,016	413
AVG WT	5.15	3.19	7.95	5.31	6.82
LAST WEEK	113,075	918	808	1,726	374
SAME WK YR AGO	126,793	1,179	1,127	2,306	388
AVG WT	5.15	3.39	7.83	5.56	6.57
TO-DATE/2003	8,067,093	74,013	73,017	147,030	21,879
TO-DATE/2002*	7,986,625	89,440	72,815	162,255	21,547

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 147.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 136.5 million head or 10.6 million head less than or 93% of estimated fryers available.

Due to 53 weeks in 2003, year to date for 2002 unchanged from last week.

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - Weekly: JAN 06, 2004
PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.15 - 1.25	Silkie	3.00 - 3.50ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.00 - 1.05	Geese	
Pekin Ducks	2.60 - 2.75ea.	9-14 LBS	.70 - .75
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.70 - 1.00	Pigeons	2.15 - 2.50ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.80 - 1.00	White Pigeons	3.00 - 3.50ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.90 - 1.10	Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.10 - 1.15
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.95 - 1.00
4-6 LBS	.90 - 1.15	Bunnies	2.50 - 5.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Guinea Pigs	4.00 - 8.00ea.
7-11 LBS	.90 - 1.12	Goats	27.00 - 32.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.45 - 1.50	Kid Goats	20.00ea.
Banty Roosters	4.00 - 5.00ea.	Chukars	2.00 - 3.50ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 3.00ea.	Pullets 4-6 LBS	1.00
		Total Coops Sold	355

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 05-JAN-2003
DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	140	146
MIDWEST MOSTLY	124-128	125-130

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	73.50-75.50	74.00-75.50
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65.00-85.50	69.00-75.50

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was good to very good. Schedules were full-time. Weights were desirable. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18 oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.45, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 09-JAN-2003

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS MOSTLY	107-124	125

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
NOVEMBER 29	119.8	149.6	80%	5.35
DECEMBER 6	156.8	150.2	104%	5.45
13	155.4	150.2	103%	5.23
20	156.3	147.8	106%	5.34
27	114.4	145.8	78%	5.22
JANUARY 3	136.5	147.1	93%	5.15
YEAR TO DATE	8165.2	8260.5	99%	
JANUARY 10		151.1		
17		156.3		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection					
-----THOUSANDS-----					
W/E	01/10/03	01/03/04	% CHG	01/11/03	% CHG
Broilers	158,145	134,816*	+17	152,541*	+04
Cattle	567	439	+29	664*	-15
Hogs	2,005	1,794	+12	1,928*	+04

*ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were generally unchanged on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate. Trading was light. Available offerings were well cleared. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
21-26 MAJORITY 23.5-24.5	29-37 MAJORITY 34-35
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
23-29 MAJORITY 26-27	31.5-39 MAJORITY 35.5-37.5

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority values were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate. Offerings of spent fowl were about adequate. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-12	9-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Disposal costs were too few to report. Supplies of light fowl were fully adequate for needs. Schedules were normal. Values were expected to remain unchanged.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices ranged unchanged with majority values lower. Demand was fair to good with traditional processor bookings arriving as scheduled while rendering operators report a lack of available spent fowl. Offerings were reported as unavailable to balanced. Opinions of value were unsettled.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-12.5	3-7.5

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-JAN-04

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for the mostly adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.		

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WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules light. Offerings adequate.